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The Honorable Anne Armstrong  
Chairman, President's Foreign  
Intelligence Advisory Board  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Anne,

As we always do, Sophia and I greatly enjoyed our dinner with you at the Hay Adams.

I went to a reception for Harry Rowen last night. He is just back from a conference in Munich. It reminded me that I didn't develop during our talk that the NIC is a body of twelve National Intelligence Officers, each of whom independently and directly advise me on their specific areas of expertise--geographic or functional. Thus my sources of independent input are really not diminished as much as it might appear and I believe the guidance and rigor which Bob will provide to their work will significantly improve the quality of the input I get.

Also, I checked on the work contracted from here [redacted]

[redacted] It consists of a number of specific narrow assignments, mostly in technical areas. I am told we would not turn over a broad body of reports to an outside contractor and the area which the Board is considering having them review would require their having a very substantial number of reports, many of which carry a classification which restricts turning them over to a contractor. Where we do contract out this kind of review, it is to an individual or group of individuals who can be cleared.

Looking forward to seeing you around the middle of the month.

Yours,

*Bill*

William J. Casey

cc: Mr. Leo Cherne

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